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CRITICIZE UZBEK CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PLANTS;
OTHER PLANTS INCREASE OUTPUT

Enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry Uzbek.SSR. did not fulfill the 8-month production plan. They failed to produce 11 million fired bricks, 5,100 tons of Portland cement, 1,900 tons of dolomite cement, 1,500 tons of gypsum, and other materials. The main reason for this production lag is poor utilization of productive capacities. The plant fails to observe correct operating methods, and there is much waste and low-quality production. Products of poor quality are often sold as standard items. The ministry knows about this, but has done nothing to alter the situation.

All government agencies failed to fulfill the plan for civilian housing construction. Only 13.4 percent of the 6-month plan for housing construction was completed.

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ISFARA PLANT INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 178, 10 Sep 49

The Isfara Construction Materials Plant has made great progress in 3½ years of the Five-Year Plan. Compared with the first 6 months 1948, production in the first half of 1949 increased 129 percent. The average output per worker is 1½ times above plan. The plant fulfilled the Five-Year Plan for production level and production volume ahead of schedule.

However, at present the plant is unable to increase its labor productivity and the output of finished products, because the Main Administration of Construction Materials Industry does not provide for regular transportation of products from the plant. As a result, all plant warehouses are filled to capacity and there is even a possibility that certain shops will discontinue operation. For this reason, the plant is not operating at full capacity at present.

FULFILL PLANS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 168, 27 Aug 49

The Frunze Asphalt and Concrete Plant fulfilled the 6-month plan 142 percent.

The Osh Brick and Lime Plant fulfilled the 7-month plan 118.6 percent, and produced 2,173,000 fired bricks.

DEMONSTRATES BRICKLAYING METHODS -- Trud, No 205, 31 Aug 49

Georgiy Luk'yanov, instructor in Stakhanovite methods of bricklaying, arrived in Ashkhabad to work on construction projects in that city. In working on the construction of school No 6, Luk'yanov, with two of his apprentices, has been laying 7,000-12,000 bricks per shift. Luk'yanov's divided-labor method of bricklaying was new for most of the builders in Ashkhabad, and he gave several demonstrations of his work. His working methods were filmed by the Ashkhabad motion picture studio. On that day Luk'yanov laid 15,000 bricks. His methods are now being followed by many bricklayers of "Ashkhabadstroy" Trust No 3.

CAUCASIAN, SIBERIAN PLANTS EXCEED PLANS, EXPAND -- Zarya Vostoka, No 166, 25 Aug 49

The Saburtalo Plant of dry brick pressing, one of the chief enterprises in Tbilisi, has exceeded its 7-month plan and realized more than 500,000 rubles in profits.

The small excavators in the clay pits had not been producing sufficient clay to meet the plant's requirements. In July, machine-shop workers assembled and put into operation a large excavator which will completely satisfy the plant's needs. Regular deliveries of clay from the pits will be provided by a mechanized delivery car system to be completed by 1 September. The plant is also planning to build a dressing station. By utilizing its equipment fully, the plant expects to produce one million bricks above plan for the year.

Kommunist, No 203, 28 Aug 49

The Yerevan Asphalt Concrete Plant completed the 1949 plan on 18 August and produced 180 tons of asphalt concrete above plan.

Kommunist, No 201, 26 Aug 49

The Yerevan "Gazhevy" (a building material) Plant is constructing a shop for production of asbestos slate which is scheduled to produce more than 300,000 asbestos slate tiles per year and will be put into operation by the end of 1949.

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Sovetskaya Sibir', No 137, 13 Jul 49

Brick Plant No 1 of the Novosibirsk City Construction Materials Trust completed the 6-month plan on 10 June and produced 650,000 bricks above plan. In June, brick molding increased almost 50 percent over February. Drying time has been cut to 97 hours instead of the planned 119 hours.

Zarya Vostoka, No 176, 8 Sep 49

Kolkhozes of Altay Kray built 215 new brick plants during the current year. There are now over 600 kolkhoz brick plants in the kray.

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